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SUBJECT:PAN AMERICAN CAPACITY INCREASE ON ALL CARGO SERVICE TO MARACAIBO

REF: CARACAS 5277, RIMAS/DUDLEY TELECON OF 6/12/78

1. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO OBTAIN NEW ALL CARGO SCHEDULES FROM PAN AM LOCALREPAND TRANSMIT THEM TO GOV WITH NOTE ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: "...AND HAS THE HONOR TO INFORM THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS THAT EFFECTIVE ON JULY 4, 1978 PAN AMERICAN PROPOSES TO INCREASE ITS ALL-CARGO CAPACITY BETWEEN MIAMI AND MARACAIBO FROM ONE WEEKLY ROUNDTRIP FREQUENCY UTILIZING B-707 EQUIPMENT TO ONE WEEKLY ROUND-TRIP FREQUENCY WITH B-747 AIRCRAFT.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE APPLI-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CABLE PROVISIONS OF THE AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT, AS AMENDED, AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SUBPARAGRAPH 3(C), (D) AND (E) OF THE MEMORANDUM OF CONSULTATION OF DECEMBER 21, 1971, RELATING TO AIR SERVICES BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND VENEZUELA, HAS REVIEWED THE ABOVE PROPOSED CAPACITY INCREASE BY PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAYS AND FINDS IT JUSTIFIED BY THE MARKET AT THIS TIME AND IN

ACCORDANCE WITH THE PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF THE AIR

TRANSPORT AGREEMENT AND SUBPARAGRAPH 3(D) OF THE MEMORANDUM OF CONSULTATION. NEW SCHEDULES REFLECTING THIS CHANGE ARE ENCLOSED FOR THE VENEZUELAN AVIATION AUTHORITIES."

2. FYI. FOLLOWING STATISTICS ARE SUBMITTED CONCERNING PAN AM ALL CARGO OPERATION IN MIAMI-MARACAIBO MARKET: IN 1976 THERE WERE 67 MARACAIBO-MIAMI NORTHBOUND FLIGHTS OPERATED: CAPACITY AVAILABLE IN TONS WAS 2439.3. CARGO CARRIED (TONS) WAS 1749.1; NO MAIL WAS CARRIED WEIGHT LOAD FACTOR WAS 72. IN 1976, THERE WERE 98 FLIGHTS OPERATED MIAMI-MARACAIBO SOUTHBOUND; CAPACITY AVAILABLE IN TONS WAS 3642.1; CARGO CARRIED WAS 2916.7 TONS; MAIL CARRIED WAS 11.9 TONS; WEIGHT LOAD FACTOR WAS 80. FOR 1977, THERE WERE 86 MARACAIBO-MIAMI NORTHBOUND FLIGHTS OPERATED. 2703.0 TONS OF CAPACITY WERE AVAILABLE; 1390.5 TONS OF CARGO WERE CARRIED. NO MAIL WAS CARRIED. LOAD FACTORS WERE 51. IN MIAMI-MARACAIBO NORTHBOUND DIRECTION THERE WERE 119 FLIGHTS OPERATED; 5308.1 TONS OF CAPACITY WERE AVAILABLE: 4306.4 TONS OF CARGO WERE CARRIED. NO MAIL WAS CARRIED. LOAD FACTOR WAS 87. THE CARGO TONNAGE CARRIED IN THE MIAMI-MARACAIBO SECTOR INCREASED BY APPROXIMATELY 22 BETWEEN 1976 AND 1977. THE INCREASE IN THE MIAMI-MARACAIBO SECTOR WILL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BE ACCOMPANIED BY A SIMULTANEOUS REDUCTION OF ONE WEEKLY B-747 ROUNDTRIP FREQUENCY BETWEEN MIAMI AND CARACAS. THUS, PAA TOTAL ALL CARGO CAPACITY FROM US POINTS TO VENEZUELA WILL BE ONE 707 ROUNDTRIP FREQUENCY LESS THAN AT PRESENT. END FYI. CHRISTOPHER

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